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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. ⁷: **A61B 6/03; G06F 17/00; G06F 19/00**

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
DWPI : IPC A61B 6/-, G06F 17/00, 19/00, G01R 33/20 and keywords: (mri, segmentation, ventricle, midline, histogram) and similar words

IEEE and keywords: (third ventricle, midline, mri, brain)

ESP@CE and keywords: (third ventricle, midline, mri, brain)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	Barra et al., " <i>Automatic Segmentation Of Subcortical Brain Structures In MR Images Using Information Fusion</i> ", IEEE Transactions On Medical Imaging, Vol. 20, No. 7, July 2001, pp. 549 - 558	
A	Fannon et al., " <i>Third Ventricle Enlargement And Developmental Delay In First Episode Psychosis: Preliminary Findings</i> ", British Journal Of Psychiatry, Vol. 177, (2000), pp. 354 - 359	
A	Cohen et al., " <i>Automatic Matching Of Homologous Histological Sections</i> ", IEEE Transactions On Biomedical Engineering, Vol. 45, No. 5, May 1998, pp.642 – 649	
A	Atkins et al., " <i>Fully Automatic Segmentation Of The Brain In MRI</i> ", IEEE Transactions On Medical Imaging, Vol. 17, No. 1, February 1998, pp. 98 - 107	

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		US	5398684	WO	1991/14397	WO	1991/18522
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US	5262945		NONE				
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